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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 1037

Kouki FUKUI : Docket No. 2001_0681A

Serial No. 09/870,480 : Group Art Unit 1772

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NONCOMBUSTIBLE INSULATING DUCT RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

EXAMINING GROUP 1772.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of December 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.